

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 22, 2008
POSITION: No position
SPONSOR: California Rice Commission

BILL NUMBER: SB 1623
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BILL SUMMARY: Rice Industry

This bill would define the terms "handle" and "process" for purposes of rice production and distribution. This bill would change the definition of the term "handler" to persons offering for sale, selling, or distributing rice seed or rice. This bill would also allow the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to collect reimbursements for enforcement costs related to the California Rice Certification Act of 2000 and would require the California Rice Commission to reimburse the CDFA for investigation costs where an enforcement action is deemed unnecessary.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The CDFA indicates that this bill would have minimal fiscal impact and that any investigative and/or enforcement costs incurred by the CDFA would be reimbursed by either the California Rice Commission or the Courts when appropriate.

Although this bill would allow the CDFA to collect reimbursements for investigative/enforcement costs of the program and would in certain circumstances require the California Rice Commission to reimburse the CDFA for these costs, the CDFA would have to pay for these costs upfront. Any delay in collecting reimbursements could negatively impact funding for existing programs.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2007-2008	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	Code
8570/Food & Ag	SO	No	----- See Fiscal Summary -----						0001

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